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WATER TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various Water Technology Centres under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) are unable to perform properly due to lack of staff;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant in different Centres including Bhubaneswar;

(c) whether the Water Technology Centres are funded by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds generated by these Centres on their own during each of the last three years and the current year, Centre-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) The water technology centers WTCER, Bhubaneswar and WTC, IARI, New Delhi are performing as per mandate of the center.

(b) Total of nine scientific,one technical and one administrative and four supporting staff posts are lying vacant at WTCER, Bhubaneswar.In WTC,IARI,there is no post lying vacant in Scientific cadre.

(c) & (d): Yes,Sir.The total fund allocation for WTCER,Bhubaneswar during the current financial year is Rs.180 lakhs under plan and Rs.188 lakhs under non-plan.

The total fund allocation for WTC,IARI is Rs.19 lakhs under plan and Rs.17 lakhs under non plan during the year 2007-08.

(e) The revenue generation of WTCER,Bhubaneswar is Rs.32.88 lakhs during last three years and Rs.13 lakhs during the current financial year.

The WTC, IARI generated funds of Rs.1.73 lakhs during the last three years and Rs.0.25 lakhs approx. during the current financial year.